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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Application Number: 09/834,651 | Confirmation Number: 3687 |
| | Filing Date: April 16, 2001 | |
| | First Named Inventor: Takeshi FUKUDA | |
| | Group Art Unit: 1617 | |
| | Examiner: S. Kantamneni | |
| | Attorney Docket Number: 05453.0037-00000 | |
| Attorney Customer Number: 22,852 | | |



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2: Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (Three (3) Months) \$980.00
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Please charge \$1750.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Name: Robert C. Stanley

Reg. No.: 55,830

Signature:

Date:

November 5, 2004

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MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In furtherance of the Request for Continued Examination filed November 5, 2004, in response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2004, Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Prior to the continued examination of this application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.